

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

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To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: June 11, 2012
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Requests for Information/Council Business

- *Independent/Assisted Living Project* – As requested by Town Council, we will provide an update on this project, either at the June 25, 2012 Council meeting or in July.
- *Library Update* – Per the Council's request, Library Director Leslie McDonough will attend the June 25, 2012 meeting to provide the Town Council with an update regarding library activities.
- *Orientation for Councilor Freudmann* – Last week, Mayor Paterson and I met with Councilor Freudmann to conduct his orientation to the Town Council. We had an informative session, and will be scheduling a subsequent meeting to discuss finance and budget.
- *Town-University Relations Committee* – Due to scheduling conflicts for both co-chairs, we have cancelled the June 12th meeting of the committee.

Departmental Updates

- *Emergency Management*
 - Staff is working with the University of Connecticut Public Safety and State Emergency Management Region 4, to conduct the required Host Community Exercise on June 23, 2012. The University is a "Host Community" for the Town of Ledyard in the event of a nuclear emergency at the Millstone Plant. The plan provides that the University will evacuate Ledyard residents to the Storrs campus for radiological monitoring, decontamination, sheltering and support services.
 - Staff is also coordinating the Town of Mansfield's participation in the upcoming State-wide disaster exercise. The exercise will be a two day event on July 30-31, 2012, simulating an event similar to the 1938 Hurricane. The Town will have an opportunity to exercise its Emergency Operations Plan and to coordinate with other surrounding municipalities and the state agencies.
- *Human Services* – On June 7, 2012, the Mansfield Senior Center hosted its first evening program of the summer. The program featured a Chinese dinner with a Chinese performance group that was well received by the audience. The senior center will host its next evening event on Thursday, July 5, 2012, featuring a bring-your-own picnic and a showing of the film, "The Queen." There is no registration or cost for this particular event.
- *Public Works* – The Storrs to Willimantic Fare Free Bus Service for UConn Students, Faculty & Staff and Town Residents will continue into the 2012-13 fiscal year.
- *Town Manager's Office*
 - Timothy "Tim" Tollman has been appointed to a regular full-time laborer position with Public Works effective today, June 11, 2012. Tim has worked as a seasonal laborer with the department for four years, and has impressed us with his skill set and work ethic. Congratulations, Tim!
 - We are proud to announce the release of a new monthly online newsletter with helpful information about town services and events called *The Mansfield Minute*. I would like to thank Library Director Leslie McDonough for her great work creating the newsletter. Thank you Leslie! To [view the newsletter](#), go to the town's webpage www.mansfieldct.gov.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Storrs Center*

- *Construction Update* – The demolition for both the former 10 Dog Lane (“Phil’s” building) and the former 4 Dog Lane (Storrs Automotive) has been completed and the construction of Phase 1B has begun. Phase 1B will consist of one building which will be adjacent to the parking garage. The building will feature commercial businesses on the first floor with residential units owned and managed by [The Oaks on the Square](#) on the upper floors. Lease negotiations for the commercial spaces are underway, including the lease for [the UConn Co-op’s new satellite location](#). Meanwhile, construction of Phase 1A continues with façade, roof, and interior work on 1 Dog Lane and 9 Dog Lane and interior work on the parking garage. While every effort is being made to manage traffic flow, there may be delays as the construction vehicles navigate the site. Please remember to drive slowly through the construction area and to maintain a safe distance between yourself and oversized vehicles. The Partnership continues to maintain a construction website for updates at <http://storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com>.
- *New Retail Tenant* – “Sweet Emotions” - Storrs Center Alliance is pleased to announce that a lease for space in 9 Dog Lane has been signed for Sweet Emotions Candy, a new, locally-owned candy shop billing itself as the “Loudest Candy Shop in the Quiet Corner!” The name “Sweet Emotions” is a nod to owner Barry Schreier’s career as a psychologist working in mental health services. He recently stepped down from his position as Director of Counseling and Mental Health Services at the University of Connecticut to fulfill his lifelong dream of owning his own candy store. “This is something I have wanted to do since I was a little boy,” explained Dr. Schreier. “Storrs Center is such an exciting opportunity and seems like a perfect fit for Sweet Emotions Candy.” Dr. Schreier has actively followed the progress of Storrs Center since he and his partner Tom Birkenholz moved to Storrs five years ago. In addition to becoming members of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Dr. Schreier and Mr. Birkenholz participated in the local activist group Smart Growth for Mansfield, and serve as the Chairs of the Celebrate Mansfield Parade, bringing the parade from its humble beginnings to a parade that had 400-plus participants last year and just as many watching. “We really feel like a part of the community,” Dr. Schreier commented. “And so, we’re excited about opening a business that will be of the community and for the community.” In keeping with this community focus, Sweet Emotions Candy will appeal to all ages. The offerings will range from fine, gourmet, high-end chocolates to retro candies to downright bizarre items. “We’ll have ‘gross out’ candy like gummy boogers and tongue tattoos that will appeal to teens, all manner of gummy candies and chocolates to appeal to college students, and over 100 bulk choices so families will bring their children to fill their heart’s desire and have the time of their lives doing so,” promised Dr. Schreier. Gift baskets, care packages, catering, kids’ parties, candy buffets, delivery, curb-side pick-up, and online ordering are all in the works for this unique shop. More information about Sweet Emotions’ products and services can be found on their website: www.SweetEmotionsCandy.com.

Upcoming Events

- *Tour de Mansfield* – It’s time to get your bike out of the garage, make sure you have air in the tires, and start riding! On Saturday, June 23, 2012, bicycle riders of all levels will have a chance to explore some of Mansfield’s nineteen historic villages on two wheels, in the seventh annual [Tour de Mansfield: Village to Village](#). The Town of Mansfield, Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Mansfield Community Center, local businesses and volunteers are proud to present what promises to be an active and exciting day. The goal of the event is to provide a family-oriented activity for area residents, encourage exercise through cycling, bring awareness to the scenic beauty of Mansfield’s villages, and to bring the community together around a social and recreational activity. The day has been designed to appeal to riders of all levels, and will include a 5-mile Family Fun Ride accompanied by police officers, a 20-mile “challenge ride” and a 40-mile “expert ride.” The rides will start and end at the Mansfield Community Center, and will conclude with a lunch. Pre-registration for the event (by June 22) is strongly encouraged, and the cost is \$15 for resident adults, \$20 for non-resident adults. Anyone under 18 is free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult who will ride with them. Participants may register at the event for an additional \$5 fee. The registration fee covers ride support, snacks, lunch and a *Tour de Mansfield: Village to Village* T-shirt for the first 100 adult registrants. All riders must wear a helmet and be familiar with basic safety rules of the road. To register for this event, go online to www.mansfieldccc.com, and click on the online registration

link. Check-in and registration on the day of the event will begin at 7:00am. The 40-Mile Expert Ride has a new group start time of 8:00 a.m., while the 20-mile Challenge Ride will have a group start time of 9:30 a.m., and the Family Fun Ride will commence at 10:00 a.m. Participants are asked to park in the E.O. Smith High School parking lot, next to the Town Hall on Storrs Road (Rt. 195). In case of rain, the event will be held on Sunday, June 24, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 860-429-3015.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Historic District Commission, June 12, 2012, 8:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board, June 12, 2012, 11:45 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children Executive Council, June 13, 2012, 1:15 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ad Hoc Committee on Naming of Streets and Bridges, June 13, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Zoning Board of Appeals, June 13, 2012, 6:45 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, June 14, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Annual Meeting, June 14, 2012, 6:00 PM, Center for Hellenic Studies Paideia (28 Dog Lane)
- Community Quality of Life Committee, June 14, 2012, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Board of Education, June 14, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ordinance Development and Review Subcommittee, June 18, 2012, 4:30 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, June 18, 2012, 6:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Commission, June 18, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Human Services Advisory Committee, June 20, 2012, 2:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Cemetery Committee, June 20, 2012, 3:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, June 20, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, June 20, 2012, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee, June 21, 2012, 5:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, Monday, June 25, 2012, 7:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*